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MEMORANDUM

TO Local School District Superintendents

FROM Carol L. Wolenberg *Carol*  
Deputy Superintendent

DATE January 9, 2004

SUBJECT: Driver Education Reimbursement

Pursuant to Executive Order 2003-23, \$6.1 million of the anticipated FY 2004 driver education fund has been transferred to the Traffic Law Enforcement Safety Fund of the Department of State Police. This reduction does not affect reimbursement for FY 2003, for which schools have just completed reporting and can expect to receive sometime in January. It is anticipated that FY 2003 per pupil reimbursement will be near or in excess of \$95.00.

For FY 2004, an undetermined amount will be available to support driver education segment 1 classes conducted from October 1, 2003, through January 31, 2004. Classes must be completed on or before January 31, 2004. For schools reporting students who are eligible for the certificates of student participation, the January 31<sup>st</sup> completion date still applies. It cannot be determined what the per pupil reimbursement rate for this four-month time period will be, but it is our hope that it will be in the range of \$70-\$85.00. As of February 1, 2004, the driver education fund will no longer be available to support driver education.

Please consider all options prior to making a decision regarding your driver's education program. If additional information is needed, please contact either Greg Lantzy at (517) 373-0763 or Jeff Simpson at (517) 241-0628.

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